

of reception of programmes relayed by this transmitter, TV sets equipped with only Very High Frequency (VHF) tuners are not expected to receive signal from this transmitter. Whereas TV sets in use in the coverage area are required to be equipped with UHF tuners for satisfactory reception, UHF-VHF convertors are required to be used in case of Black & White TV sets equipped with only VHF tuners. Besides, TV receive antenna has also to be compatible operation in this Band.

(b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present to change the channel of operation of the TV transmitter at Sasaram.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) With the establishment of a large number of TV transmitters in the country, there is considerable congestion of transmitters operating in VHF band leading to mutual interference of signals. It has, therefore, become necessary to install TV transmitters operating in UHF band in certain areas of the country including parts of Bihar.

#### **Development of New Tourist Destinations**

1884. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop new tourist destinations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of places to be developed for the purpose and the facilities contemplated to be provided to the tourists at these places; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION

AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement of destinations proposed for intensive development is annexed. Surveys have been commissioned at these destinations to assess their infrastructural requirements. Action on providing facilities would be taken on the basis of these surveys.

#### **STATEMENT**

##### **Travel Circuits**

1. Kulu-Manali-Leh
2. Gwalior-Shivpuri-Orcha-Kalimpong
3. Bagdogra-Sikkim-Darjeeling-Kalimpong
4. Bhubaneswar-Puri-Konark
5. Hyderabad-Nagarjunasagar-Tirupati
6. Madras-Mahabalipuram-Pondicherry
7. Rishikesh-Narender Nagar-Gangotri-Badrinath
8. Indore-Ujjain-Maheshwar-Omkareshwar-Mandu
9. Jaisalmer-Jodhpur-Bikaner-Barmer

##### **Destinations**

1. Lakshadweep Islands
2. Andamans Islands
3. Manali (Solang-Naloh)
4. Bekal Beach
5. Muttukadu Beach

## 6. Kangra (Pong Dam)

**S.T.D. Facility to Village Panchayats in Gujarat**

1885. **SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide STD facility to every village Panchayat in Gujarat, Particularly in Vadodra district;

(b) whether villagers of Panchayat have to pay subsidised charges for using STD facilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Government have planned to provide telephone facility to all the village Panchayats in the country including Vadodra district in Gujarat progressively by 31.3.1995 subject to availability of resources.

A proposal to provide STD facility on above telephones and the charges to be paid is under consideration.

[Translation]

**Purchase of Aircrafts by Indian Airlines and Air India**

1886. **SHRISURYA NARAYAN YADAV:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number and types of Aeroplanes purchased by the Indian Airlines and the Air India during last year and proposed to be purchased during the current year;

(b) the amount of payment to be made

as a Lease tariff for each of the Aeroplanes and the details of the payment made in foreign exchange; and

(c) the details of the terms and conditions of 'Putta' in regard to the maintenance and operation of the Aeroplanes and the employees?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During 1991 both Air India and Indian Airlines have not acquired any aircraft. There are no proposals for purchase of any aircraft during the current year also.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[English]

**Operation of International Flight from Calcutta**

1887. **SHRI HARADHAN ROY:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new International flight service is likely to be operated from the Calcutta Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). KLM is expected a service to/from Calcutta during the course of this year.

**Power Crisis**

1888. **DR. R. MALLU:** Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether country is seriously lagging behind in power generation; if so, the targets